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Pleasant Outing



JOY RIDE: People go on a boat ride in Durgam Cheruvu on Tuesday. The day and night temperatures in the city saw a slight rise with minimum temperatures rising above the seasonal average. — Photo: Anand Dharmana (REPORT PAGE 3)

'Praja Palana' spills onto streets of Hyd

Forms found scattered on roads; videos go viral

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HYDERABAD

Several Praja Palana applications, on which the dreams and aspirations of several hundreds of people depended, were found scattered and flying in the wind on the streets of the city on Monday and Tuesday, posing a serious question on the measures by the State government to ensure security of public data and benefits from the Praja Palana programme to the public.



The application forms which were found on the Balanagar flyover in Hyderabad while being transported.

On Monday, many applications were found scattered on the Balanagar flyover while being transported by private agencies and individuals while on Tuesday, the manner in which the applications were being handled came under question when students were seen carrying the applications for uploading the same online in Qutbullapur. With videos of both incidents going viral online, concerns are being raised over the security of the data. Following the uproar over the Balanagar incident, GHMC Commissioner Ronald Rose suspended Hayathnagar Tax Section Superintendent M Mahender for negligence in transporting the applications. (SEE PAGE 2)

KTR cautions people against cybercriminals

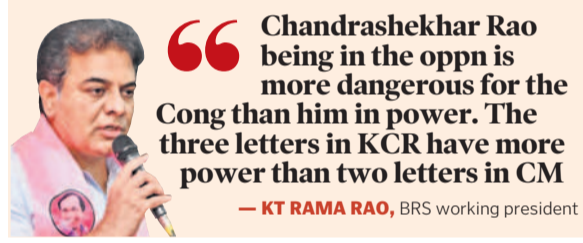
HYDERABAD: Expressing concern over the mishandling of Praja Palana applications, BRS working president KT Rama Rao cautioned that the application forms contain sensitive data of crores of Telangana citizens. He urged the State government to take appropriate precautions to prevent such confidential data from falling into the hands of cybercriminals. Amid numerous videos surfacing on social media exposing the mishandling of Praja Palana applications by private individuals, Rama Rao took to social media, urging people of Telangana against sharing OTP or any other bank details with anyone offering to give pension, house or any of the Six Guarantees promised by the Congress government. (SEE PAGE 2)

'People losing trust in Cong govt'

KTR says the party lacks sincerity in keeping promises

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Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on the ruling Congress on Tuesday, stating that it lacked sincerity in keeping promises made to the people during elections. The Congress, known for losing people's trust quickly, was already facing the same situation in Telangana, which had become evident over the last month since its election to power. Rama Rao also announced that BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao, who



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is recuperating from a total hip replacement surgery, was likely to return to public life from February. He said Chandrashekhar Rao being in the opposition was more dangerous for the Congress than him in power. "The three letters in

KCR have more power than two letters in CM," he said. Upon Chandrashekhar Rao's return to active politics next month, the party would conduct extensive reviews on Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies. The party would also con-

stitute its State and district-level committees soon, with regular meetings scheduled every two to three months, he said. Addressing party leaders during a preparatory meeting for Khammam Lok Sabha constituency at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, Rama Rao reminded that people rejected the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and voted for the Congress in the 1989 Assembly elections. But within a short period, the Congress lost public trust and suffered a severe defeat in the subsequent Lok Sabha elections. (SEE PAGE 2)

Startup CEO kills minor son, held

PANAJI

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a startup company in Bengaluru was arrested for allegedly murdering her four-year-old son at a hotel in Goa, police said on Tuesday. The accused was identified as Suchana Seth. Police said that the accused was caught in Karnataka's Chitradurga district while trying to flee in a cab with her son's body stuffed in a bag. "A woman asked the hotel staff to arrange a taxi for Bengaluru. After the checkout, when the hotel staff went to clean the room, they found red-coloured stains which

they assumed to be blood. The staff immediately informed the police," said Nidhin Valsan, Superintendent of Police, North Goa. Police further stated upon its inquiry, the woman told officials that she had left her son at a friend's place in Goa. "The police reached the hotel and tried to contact the woman through the driver. The police inquired about the woman's son to which she said that the child had been staying at a friend's place. However, the police found the address provided by the woman to be fake," the police official said. IANS

5 guarantees a huge burden: Sidda's adviser

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Hyderabad

The Congress government in neighbouring Karnataka is reeling under severe pressure and feeling the heat for implementing the guarantees promised to the people during the elections last year. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's Economic Adviser Basavaraj Rayareddy has openly said that the Five Guarantees had turned into a huge burden for the government. The implementation of the guarantees was casting an impact on the State's exchequer, he further said. (REPORT PAGE 4)

No benefit to State with Hyd E-Prix, says Bhatti

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Hyderabad E-Prix did not benefit the State government in any way, according to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, who said legal measures would be initiated for taking action on those who 'violated business rules', besides recovering the money paid to the different agencies involved in the event. The Hyderabad E-Prix Formula E race was scheduled to be conducted on February 10 this year but the agency cancelled the event, alleging a breach of contract by the government. The



Deputy CM says legal measures will be initiated for taking action on those who 'violated business rules'

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) had criticised the Congress government for

failing to conduct the event, which made Hyderabad gain global recognition.

Plagued with issues However, the Deputy Chief Minister, speaking to the media here on Tuesday, defended the State government's decision not to permit the event and alleged that the entire event was plagued with issues and that the State government did not get any benefit by hosting the race. Initially, a tripartite agreement was signed on October 25, 2022, involving the State government, Ace Next Gen and Formula E. (SEE PAGE 2)

Govt orders vigilance probe into Medigadda

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Hyderabad

The State government on Tuesday ordered a vigilance inquiry into the sinking of the pillars in Block No 7 of the Medigadda Barrage. Consequent to the government decision in favour of a vigilance probe ahead of the judicial inquiry, which was already announced by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, vigilance teams conducted simultaneous raids on the offices of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) at Jala Soudha in Hyderabad and across the districts. (REPORT PAGE 5)

Why love is blind? Scientists decode mystery

SYDNEY

In a world-first study, a team of Australian scientists investigated the link between the human brain's behavioural activation system (BAS) and romantic love and decoded why "love is blind." It is well known that romantic love changes the brain, releasing the so-called love hormone oxytocin, responsible for the euphoria we feel when falling in love. Now, researchers from the Australian National University (ANU), University of Canberra and University of South Australia have measured how a part of the brain is responsible for putting our



When we are in love, our brain reacts differently. It makes the object of our affections the centre of our lives, say scientists.

loved one on a pedestal in that first flush of romance. For the study, published in the journal Behavioural Sciences, the team surveyed 1,556 young adults who identified as being "in love." The survey ques-

tions focused on the emotional reaction to their partner, their behaviour around them, and the focus they placed on their loved one above all else. It turns out that when we are in love, our brain reacts

differently. It makes the object of our affections the centre of our lives. "We know the role that oxytocin plays in romantic love because we get waves of it circulating throughout our nervous system and blood stream when we interact with loved ones," said Dr Kavanagh, Adjunct Associate Professor at University of Canberra. "The way that loved ones take on special importance, however, is due to oxytocin combining with dopamine, a chemical that our brain releases during romantic love. Essentially, love activates pathways in the brain associated with positive feelings." IANS

UP cop thrashes student, urinates in his mouth

KANPUR (UP)

In a bid to settle scores, a head constable and about a dozen other men allegedly thrashed a student, fired a bullet to scare him and urinated in his mouth one by one, police said. The men abducted the MCA student named Ayush Dwivedi (23) from the city's Civil Lines area, along with his friend Abhishek alias Bittu (22), where he had come to meet a girl after getting a request on his Instagram account on Monday, drove him five kilometers away to Cooperganj where they assaulted him, they said. (REPORT PAGE 7)

Bottled water contains nanoplastics: Study

NEW YORK

Bottled water contains tens of thousands of identifiable fragments as well as previously unknown nanoplastics in each container, posing significant health risks, finds a study. In recent years, there has been rising concern that tiny particles known as microplastics are showing up basically everywhere on Earth — from polar ice to soil, drinking water and food. However, in the study, published in the journal Proceedings of the National

Academy of Sciences, the researchers focused on nanoplastics — the spawn of microplastics that have broken down even further. For the first time, the team from Columbia University in the US could count and identify these minute particles in bottled water using newly-refined technology. They found that on average, a litre contained some 2,40,000 detectable plastic fragments — 10 to 100 times greater than previous estimates, which were based mainly on larger sizes. IANS



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Shami receives Arjuna Award

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Richa for kathak

Actor advocates for preservation of classical dance



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